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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Non-competitive One-Year Extension with Funds for Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics

Program (H37) Current Grantee

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HRSA will be issuing a non-competitive one-year extension with funds for the Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program awards to the current grantees (included in attached chart), in amounts between \$299,000 and \$1.5 million over the one-year extension project period. The level of support is at the same annual rate that was authorized in fiscal year (FY) 2012. The Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program supports projects that seek to prevent, monitor, and treat pulmonary and respiratory diseases in active and inactive miners. This extension with funds will allow the Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) to reassess the priorities and scope of the program. The extension will also allow for greater pre-application technical assistance and opportunity to ensure funding levels can adequately address target population needs in various parts of the country.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Grantees of record and intended award amounts are included below.

Amount of the Award(s): Each of the current grantees will receive support at the same annual rate that was authorized in FY 2012: between \$299,000 and \$1.5 million.

CFDA Number: 93.965

Current Project Period: 7/1/2010 through 6/30/2013

Period of Additional Funding: 7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014

Authority: Sec. 427(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended, (30 U.S.C. 937)

JUSTIFICATION: HRSA is extending funding for the Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program grants by one year for the following reasons: recent information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (CDC/NIOSH) indicates that the prevalence of coal workers' pneumoconiosis (CWP), also known as black lung disease, is rising. In fact, a recent study of 2,000 coal miners from Utah to Pennsylvania showed five times as many miners have CWP than ten years ago. Many miners are developing severe CWP before 50 years of age, and there is some evidence that this is being manifested as premature mortality. In addition, data from the U.S. Department of Labor show the number of federal black lung benefits claims has increased, suggesting that the disease is also leading to increased significant, long-term disability.

This extension will allow the ORHP to consult providers, experts, and federal partners to thoroughly reassess the priorities and scope of the current program, while taking into account regulatory requirements. It will also provide an opportunity to ensure funding levels as well

as program resources are most effectively coordinated with other federal efforts to address growing target population needs.

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Attachment:
Intended Recipients

Organization	Grant Number	State	Project Start Date	Orig. Start Date	Revised End Date	FY 10*	FY 11**	FY12***
Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation, Inc.	H37RH00050	KY	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$582,993	\$581,978	\$580,040
Community Health of East Tennessee, Inc.	H37RH00052	TN	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$191,097	\$190,082	\$188,144
Shawnee Health Service and Development Corporation	H37RH00053	IL	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$872,405	\$871,390	\$869,452
Ohio Department of Health	H37RH00054	OH	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$661,909	\$660,894	\$658,965
John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County	H37RH00055	IL	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$301,262	\$300,247	\$298,309
Miner's Colfax Medical Center	H37RH00057	NM	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$321,876	\$320,861	\$318,923
Northwest Community Action Programs	H37RH00058	WY	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$300,657	\$299,642	\$247,931
Altoona Hospital	H37RH00064	PA	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$260,086	\$259,071	\$257,133
National Jewish Health	H37RH00066	CO	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$427,000	\$425,985	\$424,047
Alveoli Corporation	H37RH00067	PA	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$149,656	\$148,641	\$146,703
Birmingham Healthcare for the Homeless Coalition	H37RH00068	AL	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$218,267	\$217,252	\$215,314
West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources	H37RH00046	WV	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$1,504,940	\$1,503,925	\$1,501,700

Centerville Clinics, Inc.	H37RH00047	PA	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$333,403	\$332,388	\$330,450
St. Charles Health	H37RH00048	VA	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$567,663	\$566,648	\$564,710
Coal Miners Respiratory Clinic of Greenville (Muhlenberg Community Hospital)	H37RH00049	KY	7/1/10	6/30/13	6/30/14	\$353,471	\$352,456	\$350,518

*Each grantee received a \$4,000 supplement, which is not reflected in the total funding for each organization.

**Each grantee received a \$4,824 supplement, which is not reflected in the total funding for each organization.

***Each grantee received a \$5,337 supplement, which is not reflected in the total funding for each organization.

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